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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6237

BILL NUMBER: SB 105

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Jan 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Child Abuse and Neglect Inquiries.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Steele

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Koch

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that when confronted with a potential case of child abuse or neglect, any law enforcement employee, judiciary employee, medical doctor, employee of a medical doctor, or school official may contact a local office of the Department of Child Services to report the suspected child abuse or neglect.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Currently, law enforcement, judicial employees, doctors, medical staff, and school officials have a legal obligation to report suspected instances of child abuse or neglect. These individuals can currently report these instances either directly to law enforcement (in instances where the observing individual is not law enforcement) or using the DCS Centralized Hotline.

This bill specifies these individuals would be allowed to contact local DCS offices to report suspected child abuse. Currently, there is nothing in statute that would otherwise prevent them from contacting local DCS offices, provided they had appropriate contact information. Therefore, this bill is expected to have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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